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## VIA ECF

Honorable Ona T. Wang United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: SEC v. Robert Stewart et al., No. 15-cv-03719 (AT)(OTW)

Dear Judge Wang:

I write pursuant to the Court's March 16, 2018 Order (Dkt. No. 81) to provide a status report on the above-referenced case.

As previously reported, Mr. Stewart has appealed the judgment of conviction in the related criminal case to the Second Circuit. See United States v. Sean Stewart, No. 17-593 (the "Criminal Appeal"). As described more fully in my March 15, 2018 submission (Dkt. No. 80), Counsel for the Commission and Mr. Stewart have reached an agreement in principle regarding settlement if the Second Circuit denies the Criminal Appeal. Like all settlement agreements negotiated by the staff, this agreement would be subject to the review and approval of certain offices and Divisions within the Commission and the Commission itself. On November 6, 2017, the Court stayed this case pending resolution of the Criminal Appeal. (Dkt. No. 75).

The Second Circuit heard oral argument on the Criminal Appeal on February 26, 2018. On March 1, 2018, the Second Circuit requested supplemental briefing, and that briefing was completed on March 29, 2018.

The Commission respectfully requests that the Court set a deadline for the next status update of July 30, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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